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E. O. 11652: ADS, DECLAS 7-1-73

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SUBJECT: SECVISIT LA

1. SECRETARY IS NOW PLANNING A 16 DAY VISIT TO 8 COUNTRIES IN SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FROM MAY 12-28. COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED ARE ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, JAMAICA, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, PERU AND VENEZUELA.

2. SECRETARY'S ITINERARY HAS BEEN WORKED OUT TO INCLUDE AS MANY REPRESENTATIVE COUNTRIES IN TERMS OF GEOGRAPHIC REGION, PROBLEMS, AND US INTERESTS AS POSSIBLE IN LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRAVEL. OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN DECIDING UPON NICARAGUA WAS CURRENT US INVOLVEMENT IN RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS AFTER LAST DECEMBER'S EARTHQUAKE.

3. YOU SHOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVE ON MATTER AT THIS POINT
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AS FINAL AGREEMENT FROM ABOVE POSTS NOT YET IN. SHOULD
YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT INQUIRE ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S LA
TRAVEL YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT HE REGRETS THAT HE WAS
UNABLE TO VISIT MORE THAN ONE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRY
AND MAY AT YOUR DISCRETION USE ABOVE RATIONALE ON REASONS
FOR NICARAGUA. SAN JOSE MAY ALSO WANT TO NOTE SECTY
VISITED CR TWO YEARS AGO. RUSH

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